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The Amendment filed May 9, 2006 in response to the Office Action Letter mailed February 10, 2006 is acknowledged and entered. Claims 1-2,10-11,15,17, and 21-22 are pending, claims 3-9,12-14,16,18-20, and 23-27 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Previously pending claims 1-2,11,15, and 17 have been amended.

The claims as newly presented are directed to an isolated peptide having modified amino acids residues, wherein the peptide has the motif (X1)nEVEKIKTTVKESATEEKLTPVX2L(X3)m; wherein X1 is SEQ ID No: 3; X2 is L; and X3 is SEQ ID No: 22; wherein n and m represent 0 or 1; wherein the modifications comprise a protected amino terminal amino acid, a protected carboxyl terminal amino acid, an amino acid having added fatty acid side chains, or an amino acid having an polyisoprenoid side chain. The newly claimed peptide is distinct from the peptide as previously presented and differs at least in structure and method steps of producing the peptide originally presented in the claims filed on 4/22/2003, which is directed to a peptide of the motif (X1)nEVEKIKTTVKESATEEKLTPVX2L(X3)m; wherein X1 is SEQ ID No: 3; X2 is L; and X3 is SEQ ID No: 22; wherein n represent 0 or 1.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-2,10-11,15,17, and 21-22 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to multiple non-elected inventions. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b) and M.P.E.P. § 821.03.

The amendment filed May 9, 2006 amending all of the claims to an invention not originally presented is deemed nonresponsive (see MPEP 821.03). The claims as currently presented are not readable on the originally presented invention for the reasons set forth above. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH time limit or until the expiration of the response period set in the last Office action, whichever is longer, to complete the response. NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT WILL BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CAR 1.136(a) OR (b) but the period for response set in the last office action may be extended up to a maximum of SIX MONTHS.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Yaen whose telephone number is (571) 272-0838. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms, Ph.D., can be reached at (571) 272-0832.

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